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Holly Ostdick Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Director Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

RE: Summit Street and Dundee Road Intersection Improvements (TIP # 09-00-0021)

Dear Ms. Ostdick:

IDOT has recently approved final Phase II plans, special provisions and estimate of cost for the subject project, which was scheduled for the November 2010 state letting but will be delayed due to Right-of-Way. As you may recall, the project originally consisted of installing traffic signals and adding auxiliary lanes at all legs of the intersection. In 2008, the City decided to revise the project from a signalized intersection to a modern roundabout in order to improve ingress/egress into the surrounding businesses, improve safety at the intersection, and provide a more environmentally sensitive project for the residents of the City of Elgin.

The project requires Right of Way purchases from seven different property owners, mostly commercial and involving large franchises – which have caused negotiations to take longer than expected. The City has been actively negotiating with these seven property owners and hope that they can come to agreements with these owners in the near future.

The total appraised value of the Right of Way exceeds the original estimate for this project, in large part due to "damages to remainder" of an additional property which was not included in the original CMAQ application (and when the project was designed using traffic signals). The City is requesting an increase in funding from the Committee of \$400,000 to fund 80% of this additional cost. If this request is granted, CMAQ's total contribution would increase from \$960,000 to \$1,360,000.

The City of Elgin is also requesting the CMAP Project Selection Committee to allow the City to exceed its "one time move" and move the project letting date to March 2011 due to the ROW challenges outlined above. Moving the letting date from November to March will have little, if any, affect on the construction completion date.

The City has shown good faith by investing a significant amount of time and money into this project (City has fully funded Phase I and Phase II engineering for signalized intersection and modern roundabout designs at a cost of over \$500,000) to ensure the safest and most efficient project for the City of Elgin residents.

We would greatly appreciate your favorable response to our requests for the additional CMAQ funding to enable the City of Elgin to complete this important project in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

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